

Director's Meeting

Thursday, 13 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [redacted]

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The Director:

a. Indicated with reference to the latest Soviet note on the German question that arrangements should be set up by which State will automatically provide CIA with a copy of any such important note and asked Mr. Becker to see to this.

b. Asked Mr. Wisner to produce two or three sentences on the B/W matter which could be inserted into [redacted] forthcoming address on 17 March. 25X1

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d. Noted a letter he had received from J. Edgar Hoover respecting a certain security device and asked that Mr. Houston bring in his proposed reply as soon as possible. (NOTE: FBI has been given orally the information requested and a confirming letter is being prepared.) 25X1

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Reported [redacted] suggestion that an MSA special coordinator position be developed for him [redacted] The Director noted that this Agency would do no more than seek from Mr. Harriman a final decision [redacted] 25X1

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b. Reported on his talk with [redacted] especially noting [redacted] suggestion that he be relieved of the responsibilities [redacted] order to concentrate on his coordinating function. This matter is to be taken up in [redacted] discussion with the Director on 17 March. The Director expressed the opinion that not only should [redacted] not be relieved of any present responsibility but, in fact, he confronts a most demanding task in organizing [redacted] operations in the face of the reduction in force which will be brought about in that area. 25X1

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c. Noted an excellent detailed report on the Rumanian Air Force which had been prepared by US Air Intelligence. 25X1

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Mr. Wisner:

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a. Noted the possibility that reported friction between the MA and the CIA representatives [redacted] may be brought up by Gen. Bolling in today's IAC meeting. Gen. Bolling is expected to report orally on his [redacted] operation as a whole. The Director observed that if any friction exists, that is a problem for the Ambassador to take care of simply and directly. The main question at the IAC, he noted, would be the question of coordination [redacted]. He pointed out that Gen. Bolling has largely come round to the CIA position on matters of intelligence coordination [redacted] and that [redacted] has been suggested as [redacted] coordinator working under [redacted]. The need [redacted] is for a tight clandestine staff with great responsibility placed on the man who heads it. On the basis of his knowledge of [redacted] the Director said that he would approve [redacted] selection for this position unless he were convinced within two or three days in behalf of another candidate.

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b. Noted that he had talked to Mr. Staats, Bureau of the Budget, respecting the Gray report. The Director raised the question as to how the Bureau of the Budget has any real concern with PSB. The answer appears to lie in its concern with PSB's establishment.

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d. Noted that [redacted] had made an urgent request to CIA for tear gas shells to resupply his armory. The Director instructed Mr. Wisner to make these available at once.

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e. Raised the matter of a further expression of CIA's views on forceable repatriation of prisoners of war. The Director stated that CIA had spoken its piece and would say no more on the subject.

Mr. Becker:

a. Suggested that in the light of urgency on the part of the planners, our best information on the BW estimate should be made available without awaiting coordination with the other agencies. The Director approved.

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b. Reported he had talked with Dr. Bowles and Dr. Chadwell respecting Dr. Bowles' responsibility to the Agency. The Director stated that Dr. Bowles has no further responsibility other than to offer advice from time to time.

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c. Reported the present availability of [redacted] who had been considered as a possible replacement for Dr. Millikan. Dr. [redacted] would make an ideal deputy to Dr. Amory. Mr. Becker noted that [redacted] would be in town on Tuesday. NOTE: Appointment has been set for Mr. Becker, Dr. Amory and [redacted] to see the Director at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 March.

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